

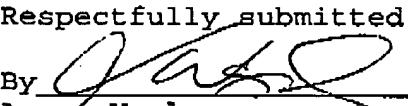
REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 3, 2005. Claims 1-3 and 4-17 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 8, and 13 are the independent claims.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 8-17 are allowed.

Applicants further note with appreciation the indication that Claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have so amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of Claim 4 and respectfully believe all the claims to be allowable at this time.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application. Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at the number given below.

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